

June 17, 2014

Ms. Lisa Wood
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In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 061714-14-KP

Property: Big Beef Creek Weir Maintenance

Re: Archaeology - Survey Requested or Archaeological Monitoring Requested

Dear Ms. Wood:

We have reviewed the materials forwarded to our office for the proposed project referenced above. The area has a very high potential for archaeological resources such as fish weirs and traps, basketry and shell middens. The potential for archaeological resources in this type of landform, a freshwater and saltwater estuary is very high. The proposed actions would destroy any archaeological resources present. Therefore, we request a professional archaeological monitor, under a monitoring plan reviewed by DAHP and the Tribes, to be present during the removal or sediment. We also recommend consultation with the concerned Tribes' cultural committees and staff regarding cultural resource issues.

If any federal funds or permits are involved Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36CFR800, must be followed. This is a separate process from SEPA and requires formal government-to-government consultation with the affected Tribes and this agency. We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties concerning cultural resource issues that you receive..

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and we look forward to receiving the monitoring plan for review. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 586-3088 or Gretchen.Kaehler@dahp.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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